

Alamosa and Monte Vista

*National Wildlife
Refuges*

*Limited Migratory
Bird and Small Game
Hunting*



Welcome to the Alamosa and Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuges

The Alamosa and Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuges (NWR) are located in the San Luis Valley of south-central Colorado. Along with Baca NWR, they comprise the San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuge Complex. These refuges provide a diversity of wetland and upland habitat for wildlife. They are a part of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of over 565 refuges set aside and managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service specifically for the needs of wildlife. The Refuge System is a living heritage, conserving wildlife and habitat for people today and for generations to come.

Although there are additional hunting opportunities on the San Luis Valley refuges, this brochure contains hunting information only for migratory birds and limited small game on the Alamosa and Monte Vista NWRs. Contact Refuge headquarters at 719 / 589 4021 for information about other hunting opportunities on the refuges including opportunities on Baca NWR.

The following regulations are listed to provide all hunters with a quality hunting experience. Please adhere to all applicable laws, careful handling of firearms, and respect other visitors enjoying the refuge.

General Hunting Regulations

All Federal and State hunting regulations apply. Hunters must possess all applicable Federal and State licenses and stamps.

When in doubt about any of the hunting regulations, please contact a Federal Wildlife Officer by calling 719 / 589 4021 ext. 1005

Refuge-Specific Hunting Regulations

Species That Can Be Hunted

Ducks, mergansers, geese, American coots, Wilson's snipe, and mourning doves can be hunted according to the seasons set by the State. In addition, Eurasian collared doves can be hunted during mourning dove season. Cottontail and jackrabbits can be hunted through February 15.

Hunting Areas

Hunting is allowed only in designated hunting areas as posted and shown on the maps. Hunters may access hunting areas by foot from legal roads, but while on the refuge, all vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas. Entering or remaining in closed areas is prohibited.

Methods of Legal Take

Methods of legal take include shotguns, handheld bows, and hawking/falconry.

Non-toxic Shot

Non-toxic shot must be used for all migratory birds and small game hunting on the refuge. It is illegal to use or possess lead shot while in the field.

Decoys and Blinds

Decoys and blinds cannot be left unattended and must be removed from the hunting area daily.

Dogs

The use of dogs for hunting and retrieving is permitted. Dogs must be under immediate control and may not interfere with other hunter's activities.

General Refuge Regulations

Camping and Fires

Camping, overnight parking, and open fires of any type are prohibited. Gas and propane grills/stoves are permitted only in parking areas.

Alcoholic Beverages

It is illegal to use or possess alcoholic beverages while in the field.

Controlled Substances

It is unlawful to possess a controlled substance or any drug paraphernalia on the refuge.

Collection

Collecting, taking, possessing, or searching for cultural artifacts, fossils, or animal parts, including antler sheds, is prohibited.

Littering

Littering is prohibited. Please remove all trash, including spent shell casings, from the refuge.

Unmanned Aircraft Systems

The use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems, including drones, is prohibited.

Motorized Vehicles

Off-highway vehicles (OHVs), such as snowmobiles or all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) cannot be used on the refuge. The use of game carts or other non-motorized methods to transport hunting equipment to and from the hunting area is allowed.

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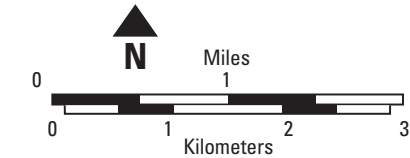
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| | Refuge Boundary | | Parking |
| | U.S. Highway | | Wildlife Viewing Area |
| | State Highway | | Restroom |
| | County road | | Parking Area and Information |
| | Auto Tour Route | | Refuge Headquarters for Alamosa and Monte Vista NWRs |
| | Nature Trail | | Information, Brochures, and Maps |
| | Hunting Permitted | | |
| | BLM Land | | |
| | Wetlands | | |
| | Accessible Hunting Blind | | |
| | Visitor Information for Alamosa and Monte Vista NWRs | | |



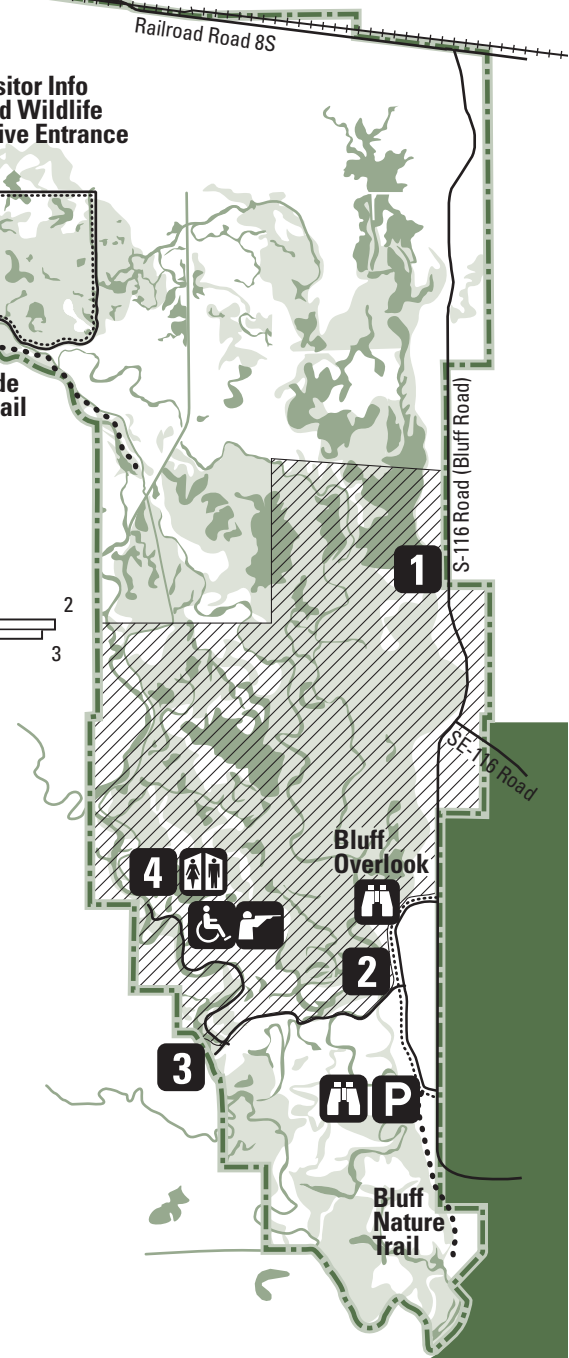
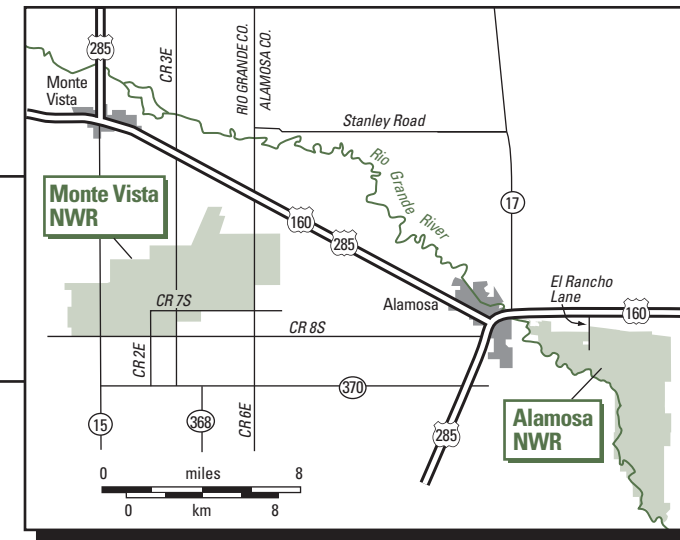
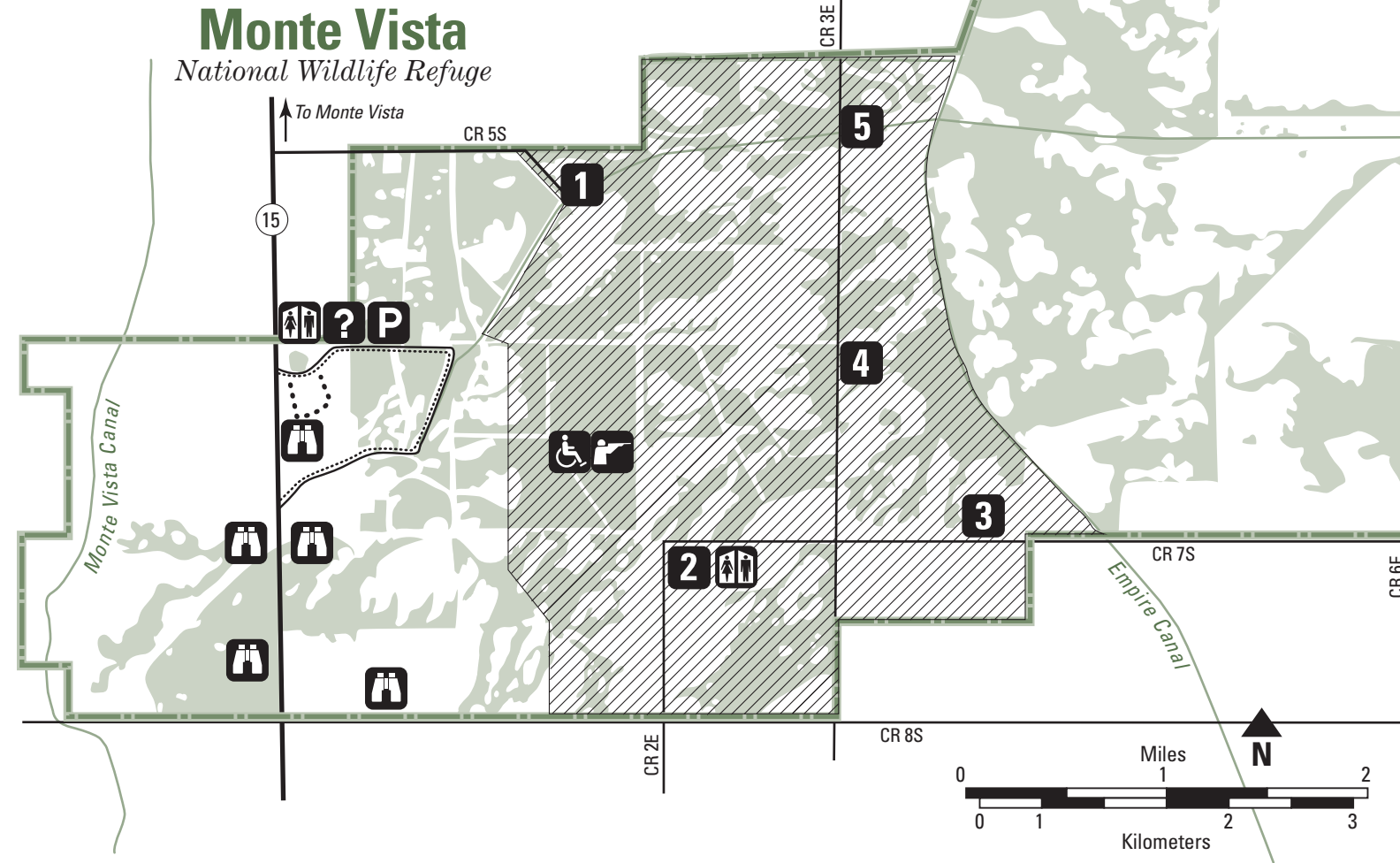
This goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, is the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge



Rio Grande Nature Trail

Visitor Info and Wildlife Drive Entrance



Weapons

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms, including concealed, loaded and operable firearms, on National Wildlife Refuge System lands must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with Refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32).

When in possession of rifles/shotguns in a motor vehicle, they should be unloaded, dismantled, cased or in a manner where they are not readily accessible. Possession of firearms in Federal facilities and buildings is prohibited under 18 USC 930(a).

Turn in Poachers - TIPS

1-844-FWS-TIPS (397-8477) or 1-877-COLO-OGT (265-6648)

Accessibility

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs and activities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is available to all individuals regardless of physical or mental ability. Dial 711 for a free connection to the State relay service for TTY and voice calls to and from people with hearing and speech disabilities. For more information or to address accessibility needs, please contact Refuge staff at 719 / 589-4021, or the U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.

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